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Hon. Andrew J. McDonald, Senator Hon. Michael P. Lawlor, House Representative Chairmen, Judiciary Committee Room 2500, Legislative Office Building Hartford, CT 06106

Re: Nomination of John L. Carbonneau, Jr.

Dear Chairmen and Committee Members:

My name is Conrad Ost Seifert. I am an attorney practicing in Old Lyme and mostly handle appeals and criminal defense. I reside in East Lyme. I am pleased to offer my strong support to the nomination of Attorney John L. "Jay" Carbonneau, Jr., of East Lyme to be a judge of the Superior Court. I have known Jay for at least fifteen years and can attest to his acumen and competence as an attorney. Over the years, our offices have had real estate closings together and I have also seen Jay represent his clients in the courtroom. Jay enjoys an excellent reputation as a member of the bar. He is a very fine lawyer.

In addition to his excellent reputation as an attorney, Jay has shown a strong devotion to his wife, Holly, and to his children. He is hugely committed to his church, St. Agnes Church, in Niantic. Over the years, Jay has tirelessly and generously given his time and talent in service of his parish. He is a lector at St. Agnes Church in Niantic and he is a trustee of the Knights of Columbus.

Jay and I are not close personal friends and this letter is being submitted unsolicited. Jay's good character and fine reputation in the legal community, as well as his good character and fine reputation in the Town of East Lyme, are well known and motivated me to submit this letter.

As a solo practitioner with a general law practice, Jay will being a vast and broad spectrum of legal knowledge to his judgeship.

In conclusion, Jay's fine reputation in the legal community is matched by his fine reputation in East Lyme. His great devotion to his wonderful family and to his faith demonstrate that he is a person of the finest integrity, humility and character. If he is confirmed, Jay Carbonneau will bring to the bench not only a fine legal mind, but also the highest level of fairness, character and integrity.

Respectfully submitted,

Conrad Ost Seifert, Esq.